CLAIMS

Therefore, having thus described the invention, at least the following is claimed:

1   1.   A digital camera, comprising:

2   means for capturing at least one image of a scene;

3   means for displaying said at least one captured image;

4   means for cropping the displayed at least one captured image; and

5   means for storing an uncropped portion of the displayed at least one

6   captured image.

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1   2   The digital camera recited in claim 1, further comprising means for

2   deleting a cropped portion of displayed image.

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1   3.   The digital camera recited in claim 1 wherein said capturing means

2   captures at least two images of the scene.

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1   4.   The digital camera recited in claim 3, further comprising means for

2   merging the two captured images into the displayed image.

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1   5.   The digital camera recited in claim 1 wherein said at least two images

2   of the scene are captured sequentially in time.

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1   6.   The digital camera recited in claim 4 wherein said at least two images

2 of the scene are captured simultaneously.

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1   7.   The digital camera recited in claim 3 wherein said at least two images

2 have an overlapping image field.

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1   8.   The digital camera recited in claim 3 wherein said at least two images

2 have substantially the same image field.

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1   9.   A method of controlling the operation of a digital camera, comprising

2 the steps of:

3   receiving at least one captured image from a photosensor;

4   displaying the captured image;

5   receiving cropping instructions for the displayed image;

6   storing an uncropped portion of the displayed image.

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1   10.   The method recited in claim 9 further comprising the step of deleting a

2 cropped portion of the displayed image.

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1   11.   The method recited in claim 9 wherein said receiving step further

2 comprises receiving at least two captured images from the photosensor.

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1   12.   The method recited in claim 11, further comprising the step of:

2   merging the two captured images into the displayed image.

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1   13.   The method recited in claim 11 further comprising the step of

2   capturing said at least two images sequentially in time.

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1   14.   The method recited in claim 11 further comprising the step of

2   capturing said at least two images simultaneously.

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1   15.   The method recited in claim 14 wherein said at least two images have

2   an overlapping image field.

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1   16.   The method recited in claim 12 wherein said two images have the same

2   image field.

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1   17.   A computer readable medium for controlling the operation of a digital

2   camera, comprising:

3   logic that receives at least one captured image from a photosensor;

4   logic that displays the at least one captured image;

5   logic that receives cropping instructions for the displayed at least one

6   captured image;

7   logic that stores an uncropped portion of the displayed at least one

8   captured image; and

9   logic that deletes a cropped portion of the displayed image prior to

10   storing the uncropped portion of the displayed image.

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1   18.   The computer readable medium recited in claim 17 wherein said

2   receiving logic comprises further logic that receives at least two captured images from

3   the photosensor.

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1   19.   The computer readable medium recited in claim 17 further comprising

2   logic that merges the two captured images into the displayed image.

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1   20.   The computer readable medium recited in claim 18 wherein said at

2   least two captured images are captured sequentially in time.

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1   21.   The computer readable medium recited in claim 18 wherein said two

2   images are captured simultaneously.

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1   22.   The computer readable medium recited in claim 21 wherein said two

2   images have an overlapping image field.

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1   23.   The computer readable medium recited in claim 22 wherein said two

2   images have the same image field.

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